Meeting was called to order by Trustee Mears at 4:00 p.m.

Roll was called
Present were: Trustee Mears, Trustee Wynne, Trustee Hartshorn
FO Behnken

Visitors: Mike Kraft

Trustee Hartshorn request:
Topics of Web Content Development/Email Usage

New email addresses are created and Trustee Hartshorn will assist in helping to set up. A list of emails were distributed to the board. Forwarding emails were created for multiple accounts. Trustee Wynne questioned if emails were active and for use of records request. Trustee Hartshorn stated emails could be used for records request or general information.

Trustee Hartshorn discussed the AOL account and stated his contact number and name needs to be entered to verify the account and for technically support to pull emails from the AOL account. FO stated Trustee Hartshorn’s name is listed on the account.

Due to loading the Web Content design, the discussion will be held later in the meeting.

Trustee Wynne request:
BZA Review
Community Engagement
Cares Money

Trustee Wynne stated she is trying to learn zoning and there were two situations that arose and has concerns how they were handled. First situation regarding a property to be divided and a cemetery located on the property that board member(s) knew but did not present at the first meeting. Due to the meeting being tabled, it cost the township additional money.

Mr. Saylor stated the cemetery information did not come up in the first meeting and if this could be completed in one meeting, he was doubtful because of the footage of the drive as surveyed. Mike Brown, BZA Member stated it was not brought up to the board members attention and the board member who knew about it is not attending this meeting but if he knew something he would of mention it in a discussion.

Trustee Wynne stated there was a member who knew of the cemetery and had family buried in the cemetery and our township is not in a fiscal position to keep throwing money out for repeated situation that could have been avoided the first time. Trustee Wynne stated situations like this need to be investigate or followed up and ask why this was not discussed and there
did not have the cemetery documented and stated this is a learning experience. The board discussed if a private cemetery needs to be documented. Mr. Kraft stated it is private and does not need to be documented for township purposes. Trustee Mears addressed the learning experience comment by Trustee Hartshorn and addressed the carport issue and that the BZA wants to fine the person and have them tear the carport down. Trustee Mears stated the carport is a learning process. Trustee Hartshorn stated in the two cases he does not feel anything was malicious. Trustee Mears stated she feels the carport needs to be dropped. Trustee Hartshorn addressed the carport description and the permit difference.

Trustee Hartshorn stated to better document within our township and it was unfortunate it happened the way it did and not brought up until the end of the meeting and having to create another meeting. Trustee Mears stated Mr. Seim brought it to the board’s attention and Mr. Warvel lives behind the cemetery. Trustee Wynne stated the information was not brought to the boards attention and a BZA Member knew about the cemetery and after the board revisited multiple times and additional expenses had Mr. Warvel spoken up the first time it would have saved the township money and time and questioned how do we hold a BZA Member accountable when they withhold information? Trustee Hartshorn discussed if a second BZA Meeting is required would it be fair to waive the pay for a second meeting and work with the trustees on waiving the pay to offset the cost. Trustee Wynne spoke to several townships and Perry Township is one of five townships who pays our BZA. Most of the townships in Ohio the ZC and BZA are all volunteers. Giving the situation of the township now and our financial status, can the board make a decision for an unpaid committee as done in other townships? This would require a vote and the ORC does not stipulate they need to be paid.

Mr. Brown stated it is a privilege to be on the BZA and the financial aspect is not important. Important that the Township maintains stability and residents are doing things correctly.

Saylor agreed with Mr. Brown and stated he wanted to help the township and at times have forfeited money in the past.

Mr. Saylor question Trustee Wynne if she compared her pay to other townships. Trustee Wynne stated our pay is determined by the ORC and the trustees are giving pay back to the township. Everyone is doing what he or she can to contribute at this point.

Mr. Saylor stated due to different surveys and things, not all meetings always go right and there is limitations what the board can bend but if the board bends to much then there is no use to the board making decisions.
Mr. Warvel joined the meeting and stated the email the township received and how the case was handled, he agrees with Mr. Brown and stated Kate/Karen will need to filter some of the cases and no money should have been taken for the lot split. Mr. Warvel stated the board is always available to answer questions and the Millers should receive their money back for wasting their time. FO Behnken stated the ZA has no authority to make that decision and if a residents request a variance the ZA need to take the application and fee. Mr. Warvel stated they could tell them it probably will not pass. FO Behnken stated that is not the ZA decision. Trustee Wynne stated that is the BZA’s decision.

Trustee Wynne discussed the Miller split and questioned the safety concern. Mr. Brown stated it was not close to the required footage as Mr. Saylor stated of 50’ minimum and for maneuver farm machinery. Fiscal Officer questioned if a minimum is written in the zoning text. Trustee Hartshorn stated this is where guidelines need entered into the zoning text. Discussion regarding the county accepting the Miller split and farm machinery entrance.

Mr. Brown stated several reasons why the board did not approve the split due to farm entrance, a neighbor wanting to split ground years prior and if the property would sell. Mr. Saylor stated with the Miller case they should have been told the Zoning Appeals will not go below the 50’ and it is not all the BZA’s fault.

Trustee Hartshorn addressed the zoning packet for each property and discussion regarding a 50’ right of way. Mr. Saylor stated the zoning text allows a 50’ driveway but not state it can go less. Mr. Saylor addressed the carport and stated if the zoning administrator went by the book, it states no carport in front of the backline of the house and Kate issued the permit. The property owners lied to Kate to get the permit. Trustee Hartshorn addressed the leach field in the back of the house and Kate informed all the trustees.

Trustee Hartshorn stated the zoning text needs to be updated to current definitions.

Trustee Hartshorn questioned Mr. Warvel on BZA meeting pay. Mr. Warvel stated he sent an email to the FO waving the pay.

Mr. Saylor waived his pay for 2020 and suggested meeting with the trustees to discuss the zoning text.

Mr. Brown waived his pay for 2020.

FO stated going forward to gather as much information as possible and study what is mailed to each member. Trustee Hartshorn stated digital copies be sent to cut down on the cost. Trustee Wynne stated to go as a group to look at properties. FO stated the board would be over stepping the Sunshine Law.

Community Events:
Trustee Wynne has spoken to townships with committees and residents have discussed an interest in a cemetery committee to clean up or beautification projects, T-Shirts and 200th events would be held.
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Cares Money:
Trustees discussed the Cares Money and the $500.00 received from OTARMA that has not been spent to date. The township has very little cost and the administration office has plexiglass installed. At this time, the township will not request the Cares Money.

With no other business, at 5:40 p.m.
MOTION was made by Trustee Wynne “To Adjourn”
Trustee Mears Second the motion to adjourn

Motion so moved

Rhonda Behnken

[Signature]
President, Trustee